

Acronyms

AAA	Area Agency on Aging
AAPCC	adjusted average per capita cost
ADE	adverse drug event
ADLs	activities of daily living
AMA	American Medical Association
ASCP	American Society of Clinical Pathologists
BBA	Balanced Budget Act of 1997
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CAHPs	Consumer Assessment of Health Plans
CAP	College of American Pathologists
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CHF	congestive heart failure
COPs	conditions of participation
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPI	consumer price index
CRS	Congressional Research Service
DCG	diagnostic cost group
DOQI	Dialysis Outcomes Quality Initiative
DME	durable medical equipment
DRGs	diagnosis related groups
EPEC	Education for Physicians on End-of-Life Care
ESRD	end-stage renal disease
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEHBP	Federal Employee Health Benefits Program
FFS	fee for service
FY	fiscal year
GAO	General Accounting Office
HCBS	home- and community-based services
HCCs	hierarchical coexisting conditions
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HCPCS	HCFA Common Procedure Coding System
HEDIS	Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set
HHA	home health agency
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HMO	health maintenance organization
HOS	Health Outcomes Survey (formerly Health of Seniors)
HPSA	Health Professional Shortage Area

IADLs	instrumental activities of daily living
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification
ICF	intermediate care facility
IDPN	intradialytic parenteral nutrition
IOM	Institute of Medicine
IPN	intermittent parenteral nutrition
IPS	interim payment system
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
LTC	long-term care
MCBS	Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey
MedPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance
NF	nursing facility
NIDDK	National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NKF	National Kidney Foundation
NLEA	Nutrition Labeling and Education Act
NMEP	National Medicare Education Program
NPSF	National Patient Safety Foundation
OASIS	Outcomes and Assessment Information Set
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA-89, for example)
OIG	Office of Inspector General
PACE	Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly
PHP	prepaid health plan
PIP	principal inpatient diagnosis
PIP-DCGs	principal inpatient diagnosis-diagnostic cost groups
PMCC	Performance Measurement Coordinating Council
PPRC	Physician Payment Review Commission
PPS	prospective payment system
PRO	peer review organization
PSDA	Patient Self-Determination Act
QIO	quality improvement organization
QISMC	Quality Improvement System for Managed Care
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
RFA	request for application
RPA	Renal Physicians Association
RUG-III	Resource Utilization Groups, Version III

SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Program
S/HMO	Social Health Maintenance Organization
SLMB	Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary
SNF	skilled nursing facility
SUPPORT	Study to Understand Prognoses and Preferences for Outcomes and Risks of Treatment
USRDS	United States Renal Data System
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs